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PATENT/ APPLICATION

PARENT APPLICATION of

Inventors: Thomson, et al. Appln. No.: 09/816,810

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Title: Decoding System and Method for Digital Communications

Attn: Application Division

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Date: October 18, 2001

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## Response to Notice to File Missing Parts and Petition for Extension of Time

Sir:

This action is responsive to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application mailed on June 7, 2001 as received in the above-identified patent application for which a response was due August 7, 2001. Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 for a period of three months thereby bringing the period for response up to and including November 7, 2001. Enclosed is a check in the amount of amount of \$460.00, the surcharge required for a three-month extension of time.

Small Entity Status is claimed. This concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(d). The following **completes the filing** under Rule 53(f) of the above-identified patent application:

| 1. | <b>Notice</b> | to | File | Missing | <b>Parts</b> |
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2. X Signed Declaration enclosed

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3. X Enclosed is an Assignment and cover sheet. Please return the recorded assignment to the undersigned.

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| 5. Basic Filing Fee  | \$710/ 355 | \$         | Paid   | 101/201      |   |        |         |
|--|------------|------------|--------|--------------|---|--------|---------|
| 6. Total Claims  | 39         | minus 20 = | 39     | x \$18/\$09  | + | 0      | 103/203 |
| 7. Independent Claims  | 5          | minus 3 =  | 5      | x \$80/\$40  | + | 0      | 102/202 |
| 8. Surcharge for filing Declaration/filing fee late \$130/\$65 |            |            |        |              |   |        | 105/205 |
| 9.   | \$         | 65.00      |        |              |   |        |         |
| 10. Petition for three-month exten                             |            | •          | 460.00 |              |   |        |         |
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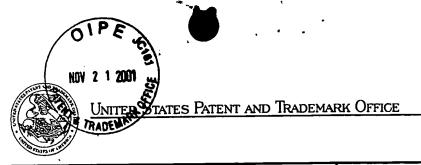
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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

## Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.

  A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 65.

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.

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PART 2 - COPY TO BE RETURNED WITH RESPONSE

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